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STUDENT ACTIVITY BUDGET TOPS $29,000

STUDENT BUDGET COMMITTEE BRIEFS

In three meetings in our campus cafeteria a few students appointed to the budget appropriation committee used political savvy, brainstorming, and creative writing skills, to hammer out next year's financial needs as they perceive them. Marla Miles, our Student Government treasurer, chaired the committee with an iron fist, and a no nonsense approach. Each member was assigned an area that they felt knowledgeable with. The newsletter, and the purchase of the satellite dish was handled by myself. Alene Coburn was in charge of software. Marti Williams had entertainment, benevolent gifts,and graduation. She fought hard to keep the turkey program alive, along with a good special events program. Scott Brown oversaw the lobbyist and travel side. Marla worked on contractual affairs, while continually trying to piece the puzzle together.

Scott had a few ideas that were strongly opposed, like an increase in the student activity fee to hire a Fairbanks lobbyist, at $8,000 to represent us in Juneau. Also to increase the amount spent to lobby at U.A.A. to include overnight perdiem from the $25 travel paid now, to the $103 perdiem rate. Both ideas were pelted with rocks in the form of reasons why not to. I felt the students hadn't seen much in the form of entertainment, and didn't think that they were getting any bang for their bucks. The rest of the committee agreed, and were strongly convinced that this would be a total waste of student funds.

Scott did present one idea we all agreed on, this suggestion was long overdue. He put together a package to hire a part time secretary to assist your Student Goverment in properly conducting business, also to help me with the typing of the paper.

We really need to thank each and everyone of these students for all the effort that went into this budget, along with giving up their free time on a saturday no less in service for your Student Goverment.

Mark Ewing

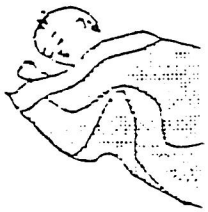
THE SECOND ANNUAL VALLEY CREEK CLEAN UP

Dori at the Valley Center for the Environment at 376-8223 is looking for a group of volunteers. Wasilla and Cottonwood Creeks are targeted. May 22nd (Valley Refuse will haul it away)

Beam down to the Star Trek Convention

A group of Star Trek fans calling themselves, "24th Century" are sponsoring a Star Trek Convention this year on the 17th and 18th of April. Guest host will be Michael Dorn, who plays Lietenant Worf on Star Trek: The Next Generation. This convention is to be held at the Egan Center. A costume contest is scheduled for the 17th, for those who wish to participate. Tickets will be sold at all Carrs ticks and at Bosco's. For more information call 800-GO STAR TREK.

Christopher Culbertson



ANSWERS TO STUDENTS LETTERS

I've received a few letters regarding some concerns the students feel need to be addressed, and have taken the time to research these issues.

The first was regarding our new building, and the on-campus daycare program that's scheduled to be implemented for those students with children. Well, the good news is, yes, the facility will, in fact, house a child care system. It should be in place soon after the building is complete, (you may note, although the funding has been secured for the structure, the interior furnishings, equipment, and everything that transforms a building into an institute of higher learning, is still in limbo). As I understand it promises have been made. As I see it, you can't justify one without the other.

A realistic time frame as to when you may be able to use the new day care center may not be until Jan. 1995.

The cost should be comparable to other providers in the area. For those of you with lower incomes, help is available from the Child Care Assistance Program. You can call Jean Straatmeyer at 746-4080 to see if you qualify. I know our own Mr. Mom uses Rays Child Care just 2 miles from the campus.

Mark Ewing

STUDENT GRIEVANCE POLICY DRAFT GETS APPROVAL FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Currently, there is no formal student grievance process. There is an attempt to put one in place so that students concerns and complaints can be resolved in a timely and effective manner. The purpose of this policy is to provide an orderly method to process and reconcile complaints and grievances between student and University. The process applies when a likelihood exists that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, misapplication of University policy, regulation or an abuse of discretion.

This process does not apply directly to academic decisions such as grades.

Mark Ewing

The ART-work network

ART CLUB, ANYONE??

The faculty and students of the Mat-Su Art Department are seeking comments and ideas from the students who are interested in the formation of a Mat-Su College Art Club. Tentative goals for the club are: raising money for new equipment and space, shows for student artist, workshops, and working within the Valley community to promote the appreciation of contemporary, professional art. Interested students may contact the Art Department at 745-9742 or Carolyn Long at 892-6291.

The 1993 Annual Student Art Show will be held April 12 through May 7. The deadline for entries is April 5. Students enrolled in Art classes may enter up to three pieces by taking them to the Art Office. Prizes will be awarded

REVIEW OF 4TH INVITATIONAL SHOW IN MEZZANINE

The fourth and last of the Invitational Show Series for 92-93, "Partners in Art/Crime," was on display in the Mezzanine (Glass Room) at Mat Su College from March 22 through April 9. The show featured the work of Buz and Alma Blum, who combined the arts of weaving and wood turning for a unique dual show. Viewers interested in buying any of the pieces in the show that were for sale may contact the Blums at 745-4445.

The series this winter has centered on the collaborative works of two or more artists. The shows are sponsored by the library and the Art Department of Mat Su College. For information regarding future joint or solo exhibits in the Mezzanine, please call Leza Madson, head librarian at 745-9743 or Vickie Cole, Art Department Coordinator at 745-9742.

The artistry and skills of the Blums were well represented in the show. The pieces, turned and carved wooden bowls combined with various materials such as copper ribbon, grass, lichens, and branches, exhibited a wide range of techniques and visual interest from the humorous and dainty "Coracle" to the sweeping grace of the spruce bowl with willow branches.

The artists created an astonishing number of unique variations on the simple bowl form. The walnut platter and each of the seven bowls were capable of standing on their own as finished works of art, but the copper wires, ribbons, dried grasses, branches, lichens, and strips of birch bark integrated into the piercings and carvings of the wood gave each one of the eight works a curious and sometimes erie beauty.

Perhaps the exhibit is only the beginning of more collaborative works by the Blums. Not only did they produce a fascinating show, but viewers could tell that they obviously enjoyed working together by the names they gave to the individual works: for instance, the title for the walnut platter is "Some Pterodactyls Were Bowls." ---Carolyn Long

New Student Clubs Seek Recongnition

At least two new clubs were formed late last week. It's apparent that the students are teaming together in an effort to expand their level of education above and beyond the current curriculum.

The Mat-Su College Math Club was the first formed, the club is open to all students with an interest in math. The membership fee per semester is only $5.00. Meetings are weekly at 1p.m. in room #212.

Tim Kimbrough was elected as president, with Dr. P.T. Chang as club adviser. Feel free to call Tim @ 376-1252 with any questions you have.

The Mat-Su Electronics, Radio, and Video Club was also formed to offer pratical application in the fields. Included are plans for a video magazine of student functions, and activities.

Bill Powell will advise, with Otto Kreipke as acting president. Fee per semester is also @ $5.00, meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays.

GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING & ENVIRANMENTAL AWARENESS
G.E.O. CLUB STARTING

Faculty Advisor Patricia Hutchins-Jouppi is starting a new club for the students that are into Geopgraphy and other related subjects. Their meetings are open to any student interested in promoting global understanding and environmental awareness, particularly those in Geopgraphy, Geology, Environmental Studies, and Social Sciences. Activities proposed include: guest lecture series, field trips, travelogues, exhibits for Earth Day, and much more. Interested students contact Pat at 745-9791 #340 or come to room 124 Monday and Wednesday between 12:00 and 3:00 pm.

Student Government Elections are this month

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO VOTE.....

ELECT DAVID J. JONES FOR YOUR MEDIA BOARD!!!!

VOTE ED GARNICA MEDIA BOARD (THE ED MIESTER)

THANKS TO TOM JOHNSON, BONNIE WENDT FOR THEIR HELP

REMEMBER IF YOU NEED FUNDING, OR FINANCIAL AID, SEE BARB AT RM.109 APPLY NOW !!! THE EARLY BIRD GETS FUNDING WITHOUT THE LONG WAIT.